



GOD'S PROMISE

Joel 2:23, 28
Zech. 10:1
Psa. 104:16a
John 14:16
John 15:26
John 16:13
John 7:38
Luke 24:49
Acts 1:8
Acts 2:4
Acts 8:17
Acts 10:44-46
Acts 19:6
James 5:7
Ezek. 47:1
Zech. 14:8
Rev. 22:1

"...Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matt. 16:18

GOD'S COMMAND

Luke 24:49
Eph. 5:18



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The healing of H. K. Justice, Mrs. Mattie Hall; a blind girl, Melissa Potter; my son in Service in the Pacific; me to be healed of weak, sickly spells. —Mrs. Geo. W. Dalton, Scottsboro, Ala.

The healing of my body, my condition is serious.—Mrs. W. C. Coile, 2426 Berry St., Cleveland, Tenn.

The Lord to heal my baby.—Mrs. Redus Newman, Kennedy, Ala.

My brother in Service; the healing of a little afflicted girl; a brother and sister to be healed of T. B.; our family. — Mrs. W. W. Wilson, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

The Lord to heal my body; my sons in Service.—A sister, Charleston, W. Va.

My father's soul and body to be healed.—Elesa Ahl, Baxley, Ga.

My mother who is in bad health and has high blood pressure to be healed; my sister who is very bad with diabetes to be healed; me to be healed of gallstones; my husband who has had four strokes to be healed.—Mrs. T. B. Griffin, 101 Caldwell St., Concord, N. C.

God to undertake for my husband.—Mrs. Martha Page, Hickory, N. C.

God to undertake for my home and loved ones; Mrs. Hazel Lacer, 4349 S. Ellis Ave., Chicago, Ill., to be saved and healed; my husband's grandmother who is ninety years of age and is blind, to be saved and healed. Encouragement appreciated.—Mrs. Dollie Pollard, Tyler, Mo.

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God to undertake for a very urgent

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request.—Mildred Daugherty, Breman, Ga.

Me, I am very much in need of prayer.—Mrs. Ivy Brisbin, Box 63, Cherokee, Kans.

The healing of my son and his wife.—Mrs. J. D. Hudson, Rt. 2, Blue Ridge, Ga.

A brother who is in a serious condition.—A friend in Christ, Danville Va.

Sister Vernie Davis, c/o Mercy Hospital, Arkansas City, Kans.—Mrs. W. T. Kempf, 707 4th Ave., Nebraska City, Nebr.

Mrs. Earl Dean who has smothering spells; my daughter who has a goitre; another daughter who has side trouble.—Rev. G. W. Dalton, Scottsboro, Ala.

My son to be healed; unspoken request.—S. E. Blade, 502 Wall St., Mt. Pleasant, Tenn.

My uncle who is being sent overseas.—Estell Crosby, Rt. 2, Meigs, Ga.

My mother to be healed of high blood pressure; my brother in Saipan; my sisters and me.—Sarah Ford, Rt. 3, Park Rd., Corbin, Ky.

The Lord to heal me of nervous indigestion and stomach ulcers.—John M. Quick, 433 Fleming St., Laurens, S. C.

God to undertake for me.—A sinner friend, Walhalla, S. C.

My body to be healed of bronchial asthma, nervousness and T. B.; my wife to be healed of kidney ailment; my son who is in the U. S. Marine Hospital, Brighton, Mass., to be healed.—Lee Smith, Shannon, Ga.

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THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

Finding Myself in Christian Service

JAMES O. CAMPBELL

Luke 12:35, "Let your loins be girded about and your lights burning."

"Let the lower lights be burning," so go the words of the old hymn. Another one goes, "Do not wait until some deed of greatness you may do; do not wait to shed your light afar. There are many deeds around that you can do; brighten the corner where you are."

1. THE SERVICES OF CHILDHOOD

In the Bible we are told of a babe who was given to the Lord's service before his birth. That boy was Samuel. Oh, that we had parents today that would give their children on the altar of service like Hannah did Samuel. Young Samuel became the judge of Israel, "that none of his word fell on the ground." But even in his early childhood he was taken to the temple for service of his Lord. We learn that the Lord dealt with him in his young life and established him as Israel's further judge. There is another Old Testament character that we shall mention. His name is Isaac. Father Abraham went on a journey to offer him as a type offering of our Lord and Savior. There is young Timothy of whom Paul said, "From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures." Yes, no doubt he had been taught them by his mother, as had been advised in the sixth chapter of Deuteronomy, "When thou liest down, and when thou risest up, and when thou walkest by the way, they shall be as frontlets before thine eyes."

2. COURAGEOUS STEPS OF SERVICE

Young David is known quite well for his brave act of killing the giant, but there must have been a secret for such a mastery. Sure enough there was. He learned to trust in God to help him kill the bear and the lion before he was prepared to slay Goliath. In other words, he learned to be the master of the little things before he could be trusted with the greater things of life. There were the three Hebrew children and Daniel who were led captive unto Babylon.

They determined to take a stand for the Lord regardless of the cost. At length it meant the lions' den for Daniel, and the fiery furnace, but they all had the courage even if it did mean the place of trial.

3. SERVICE OF LEADERSHIP

Moses was a very backward fellow when the Lord called him from the burning bush, but he became the leader of Israel, by God's help—yes, that very Moses who was so slow of speech and unqualified in his own eyes. Joshua was a man who fully obeyed the Lord. He was one of the

ten spies who said, "We are well able to possess the land." We can see in him a man who in God's own good time will lead Israel into the land of Canaan. Young Saul, the persecutor of the Christians, was a diamond in the rough. We see in him one who is wrapped up in his pharisaical righteousness, a mighty missionary for the cause that he is persecuting.

4. WHAT IS OUR PLACE?

Our readers have the right to ask such questions as, "What is my place? Do we all have a calling or a talent? Can we all find our place in Christian service?" The answer is simply, Yes, there is a place in God's great kingdom for us all to fill. Dare we come short of the place that it was ordained before the world began that we should fill? I am sure we want, above everything else, to hear the Master's words, "Well done." "Only one life will soon be past; only what's done for Christ will last."

WHY GOD CHOSE SPEAKING IN TONGUES AS THE INITIAL EVIDENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

U. L. HUDLOW, Sr.

In the mouths of two or three witnesses every word shall be established. God has only one plan of salvation. Jesus said to Nicodemus, John 3:3, "Ye must be born again." Nicodemus asked "Why?" He was blind to God's real pattern. In verse 5 Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Ye must be born again." You must have a changed heart and life. God has only one way for our being saved. God has only one mode of water baptism. Then we are ready for sanctification. You must live a holy life if you expect to go with Jesus when He comes for the Church. The tongue is the most wicked, cruellest, most destructive and uncontrollable member of the human make-up. More lives are destroyed by the tongue than by sickness. One long-tongued church member, with the tongue fastened in the middle and loose at both ends, can do more harm in a community than the worst drunkard. James 3:1-8 tells us what the tongue is—a world of iniquity, it defiles the whole body, setteth on fire the course of nature, passion of anger, hate, lust, and is set on fire of hell. Verse 2 tells us that if a man can control the tongue. Verses 4-7 tell us But verse 8 tells us that no man can control the tongue. Verses 4-7 tell us

that man has tamed nearly everything, but he is whipped when it comes to his tongue. Isaiah said, "Woe is me for I am a man of unclean lips." No, man cannot control the tongue. But thank God, there is One who can, even our Lord Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

In seeking the baptism of the Holy Spirit we go through a sanctifying experience. We begin to lay off all forms of sin. Out tobacco goes. Here, Lord, it goes on the altar. Now, what about that hatred in your heart? All right, Lord, here it goes on the altar. Now, that personal ambition of yours? are you willing to give it up to serve Me? Oh yes, Lord, anything and everything, if you will just fill me with the Holy Spirit. Now you've yielded everything but the most wicked, most destructive part of you, the tongue. All right, now says the Spirit, let's have that tongue. No, no, I can't. Very well, no tongue, no Holy Ghost. And when finally the struggle is over and you yield that wicked member up to God, oh, what glories do flow when God gets the tongue. He's got the man, and the man has got the Holy Ghost. With the evidence of speaking in other tongues, it is clear and logical evi-

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RELIGION AND THE WORLD

BY THE EDITOR

The Bible in the Home

The American Bible Society, some months ago, sponsored a "Gallup Poll" in which it was found that more than one-half the young people interviewed had not opened a Bible within the last year. This neglect reveals the tragic nature of the home life shared by many children. They are receiving no religious training in the home at all. Here is the major reason for child delinquency. Here is the reason for 17,000,000 or more children being out of Sunday School. Parents are sowing to the wind. There will be, in the end, nothing to reap but the "whirlwind." Shameful tragedies will follow in the wake of Bible reading and prayer in the home.

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Membership Increase

There is a determined and one which bids fair to be a tremendous effort on the part of many evangelical church movements to increase their membership respectively. This is an admirable and necessary thing. We hear, however, that in many such cases there are times when it apparently becomes necessary on the part of ministers who have such responsibility, to relax on the qualification for membership. When this happens as it does, the church gains in name but loses in power and in influence. It is more than unfortunate to sacrifice quality for quantity. The reason why the world is out of the church today, in my best opinion, is that the church has been, for the most part, so much like the world that those who laid no claim to Christian profession were as morally fit in their opinion as those who professed to be Christians.

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A Successful Growth

We can have successful growth in our churches only by the convicting and lifegiving power of the Holy Spirit. If we are to have increase in membership, then the fact remains that if it is to be admirable in quality such increase must come from those who are "born-again" and led into a life of holiness and power of the Spirit. Such an increase as is here mentioned must come from a "revi-

val"; and mind you, I do not mean a revival of mere preaching and maneuvering for membership, but from an outpouring of the marvelous grace of God upon a praying, faithful, and working church. The most powerful effort to offset modernism and apostasy is a return to the preaching and praying for, and walking in the power of the Spirit as experienced by the early Church.

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Model and Method

In the early church alone we find both "model and method." The "model" was both men and women filled with the Holy Ghost. The "method" was plainly that of "tarry," Luke 24:49; "these all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication," Acts 1:14; "and they continued steadfastly ... in prayers"; further said the busy apostles, "We will give ourselves continually unto prayer," Acts 6:4. The results were marvelously admirable. We can have the same today.

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Legislators Bibled

It was B-Day for California's legislators. Samuel Fulton, Milwaukee industrialist and six-time international president of the Gideon Society, gave each lawmaker a standard Bible, with the recipient's name stamped on the cover in gold.

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God's Love

The infidel, the atheist, and other morbid unbelievers often point to the war and other hardships as an evidence that a merciful God cannot exist alongside of such conditions. They overlook Calvary where God gave His Son to die as an evidence of His love for mankind; yet most all classes accept a historical Christ as a matter of fact. The historical Christ was the Christ of Calvary and was then as He still is, the evidence that God loved the world.

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Thankfulness in Prayer

He came back to give thanks. "And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the Lord," (Gen. 26:25). A minister in England saw a young lad come into his church one

weekday and kneel at the altar to pray. The boy remained so long upon his knees that the clergyman was desirous to know more about him. When the lad arose from his devotions the minister asked, "Do you often come here to pray?" "I have been here four times in the last five days," he replied. "Have you some loved one who is fighting at Dunkirk?" asked the minister. "Yes, sir," said the boy, "I have been praying for my daddy. He came home today, and so I came back to thank God for sparing his life," was the simple reply. Like the one leper who was cleansed, he returned to give thanks to God.—From the *Alliance Weekly*. Sent by Howard G. Wilcox, Kearney, Nebr., in S. S. Times.

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Growing Pains

During the past year the College and Bible Training School at Sevierville, Tenn., has had under construction a beautiful dormitory for girls, which will have about eighty-five rooms and will be completed at a cost of around \$165,000. To this will be added a central low-pressure heating plant which will cost another \$45,000. The total outlay for the period of present construction will center around \$210,000. This does not include some \$50,000 or more spent in improvements on buildings previously completed. These are difficult times to build anything; the urgencies, however, of the school and college there made it apparently a positive necessity.

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The Church of the New Testament

Matt. 16:13-18

INTRODUCTION

Jesus had spent most of His earthly ministerial career with His disciples. They had had opportunity to be well acquainted with Him. It was His desire to draw from them a statement which would express their opinion and knowledge of the Son of God. He also was anxious for them to confess Him. Without a personal spiritual revelation of Jesus as the anointed one, no one is eligible to become members of His Church. When Peter had spoken for the group, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God," Jesus announced that he was a blessed man because he had learned for himself that Jesus was more than just a prophet as others thought.

The original Greek word, in its larger signification, denotes a number of persons called together for any purpose; an assembly of any kind, civil or religious. See Acts 19:23-41. Note especially verses 32, "Some therefore cried one thing, and some another: for the assembly was confused; and the more part knew not wherefore they were come together"; 37, "For ye have brought hither these men, who are neither robbers of churches, nor blasphemers of your goddess"; 39, "But if ye inquire anything concerning other matters, it shall be determined in a lawful assembly"; and 41, "And when he had thus spoken, he dismissed the assembly." The same word which is rendered "assembly" in these verses is translated "church" in other places.

EK-KLAY-SEE'A—"called out, or invited group."—*Fallows.*

ORIGAN—I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH

John 17:14-16, "I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world."

These charter members of the Church were called out of the world. Acts 20:28, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made

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you overseer, to feed the Church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."

Note the purchase price of material of which the Church is built. 1 Peter 1:18, 19, "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."

Eph. 2:19-22, "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord; in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." Note the foundation.

CHURCH—HIS BODY

This is the spiritual body of which all real Christians are members, and is taught very definitely in the Scriptures.

Eph. 1:22, 23, "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all."

Col. 1:18, "... and he is the head of the body, the church ..." V. 25, "... for his body's sake, which is the church."

CHURCH—LOCAL

Acts 11:22, "... the church which was in Jerusalem"

1 Cor. 1:2, "... unto the church of God which is at Corinth"

1 Thess. 1:1, "... unto the church of the Thessalonians which is in God the Father"

Gal. 1:2 "...unto the churches of Galatia"

CHURCH—TANGIBLE

(Capable of being touched, or discernible; real, or actual, rather than imaginary, or visionary; also clearly capable of being grasped by the mind. Definite, or not vague or elusive.)

Matt. 18:17, "And if he neglect to

hear them, tell it unto the church"

Acts 8:1, "And at that time there was great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem."

Acts 5:11, "Fear came upon all the church"

Acts 8:3, "As for Saul, he made havoc of the church"

Acts 12:1, "Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church."

CHURCH—SPIRITUAL

How do we become members? Certainly no one would agree that we join the spiritual body of Christ, but that our connection with it is brought about by an operation of the Spirit.

Matt. 16:17, "... for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven."

1 Cor. 12:13, "For by one spirit are we all baptized (put into) one body."

Eph. 2:11-16, "Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called uncircumcision by that which is called the circumcision in the flesh made by hands; That all that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby."

Notice the expressions "made nigh by the blood of Christ" and "that he might reconcile both unto God in one body."

CHURCH—LOCAL

To contend that one is made a member of the local, tangible Church by the new birth would be to confess that we either have no regard for Holy Writ or that we have not made a thorough study of the New Testament.

We see by reading 1 Cor. 5:1-7 that one among the church of Corinth was in gross sin. Paul spoke of turn-

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Holiness a Bible Doctrine

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Holiness has been a long-cherished principle in the Church of God. The Church still stands for the whole Bible rightly divided and one of the outstanding teachings of the Word of God is Bible holiness. There are, however, certain personalities who would like to steer the church in a course of lesser resistance and in order for that to be done the church must forfeit the doctrine of holiness.

A life of holiness is a life of spiritual influence. The realities of truth are only manifested, according to God's pleasure, in hearts that are holy.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Thess. 5:15-27.

Paul charged, in verse 27, by the Lord, that this epistle be read to all the HOLY brethren. Paul recognized the brethren as being holy. He told them to "see that none render evil for evil unto any man." This shows that it could be done, but not if we continue to possess BIBLE HOLINESS! Bible holiness takes the back-stabbing out of people. It is supposed to render good for evil. "But ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men." We follow (do) that which is good to all men, Jews and Gentiles, sinners and saints, Paul said "to all men." This verse is rather hard on the church politicians of this day. Men and women whose lives are absorbed in God "rejoice ever more"; it is "with joy unspeakable and FULL OF GLORY," joy because of sins forgiven, because of redemption, assurance, His abiding presence and holiness. Yes, they "pray without ceasing," not allowing prayerless gaps to intervene between the times of prayer. In other words, we have had family prayer without ceasing for years. We have worship in our churches with prayer without ceasing always. We who are in communion with the Lord are always in the secret place of prayer, not fighting, biting or devouring, but praying and rejoicing in the beauty of His HOLINESS.

"In everything give thanks." WHY? "For this is the will of God in Christ Jesus CONCERNING YOU." We could be more greatly enveloped in His holiness if we were thankful for His

blessings and goodness. In the hour of sorrow we can give thanks for He is with us. In this war-torn world we give thanks for we feel His presence. Yes "in" everything, not "for" everything "give thanks." "Quench not the Spirit," but follow the Spirit in God's truth. Do not throw a wet blanket over spiritual manifestations. Give vent to orderly messages and interpretations that edify the church, that reveal mysteries. The preacher who harnesses the Holy Ghost into a strait jacket will soon have a church to bury. If the Church of God ever gets to the place where we have to crowd the Holy Ghost into the basement, cellar or some other secluded place for Him to work, He will soon be insulted and leave us powerless. Then we will substitute glamor, and that which is spectacular, for spiritual manifestation. "QUENCH NOT THE SPIRIT!" We are not ashamed of His workings and He knows His business better than we. So we "Quench not the Spirit," and "despise not prophesying." Some may be given in the flesh and some may not be sound, but "PROVE ALL THINGS."

After you have proved all things by the Word of truth and spiritual reasoning, "hold fast that which is good." Praise the Lord. "Abstain from all appearance of evil." Do not be partakers of false manifestations and prophesying for they are evil and will lead to division and strife. Separate yourself for the "truth's sake which dwelleth in us and shall be with us forever." It would be evil to compromise with those who despise government and who rebel against the God-called leadership of the church. This could also apply to the places one frequents, and society he keeps, the conversation he has, and the attitude he manifests. A correct intellectual faith with the wrong attitude is damning and dangerous, so please abstain! "And the very God of peace SANCTIFY YOU WHOLLY." This is a promise which follows obedience. It is on the part of both God and man.

SANCTIFY WHOLLY

Wholly takes in the entire person. For Paul went on to say, "Your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved

blameless UNTO THE COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST." Better be sanctified wholly for Jesus is coming. The SPIRIT can be WHOLLY SANCTIFIED, for Job said that God formed it in man and that it receiveth inspiration from the Almighty. The body can be sanctified wholly for every sin that a man doeth is without the body. The SOUL can be sanctified wholly for it is in the image of God, and Paul said spirit, soul and body would be sanctified wholly and preserved BLAMELESS. This is HOLINESS. The clincher to it is in verse 24, "FAITHFUL IS HE THAT CALLETH YOU WHO ALSO WILL DO IT!" God never calls one to anything but what He provides grace to do it.

HOLINESS

Holiness means state or quality of being free from sin; moral and spiritual purity; a state of heart perfection. It is definite because it is a blood work. "He suffered without the gates to sanctify the people with his own blood." It is instantaneous because the blood cleanseth from all sin and the Spirit witnesseth to the work.

It is accomplished through the truth, by the Spirit, with the blood. Paul and Jesus said, "Being sanctified by the Holy Ghost." He suffered without the gates to sanctify the people WITH His own blood. "Sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth." We have here a work through the truth. It is the Spirit's work to reveal truth. It is the individual's work to accept that truth. It is the blood's work to cleanse the yielded heart when truth is accepted by spiritual revelation. Therefore, we are SANCTIFIED through the truth (Thy word is truth), with the blood, by the Holy Ghost.

God grant that our lives may be so yielded to Him that He can lead us, cleanse us, and reveal His truth to us. This is HOLINESS. Brethren, I find no argument. If we consecrate, dedicate, unconditionally, unreservedly, our lives wholly to Him, He is more than willing to definitely sanctify the believer and that instantaneously.

OUR CALL TO SEPARATION

1 Peter 2:1-9. Please note these

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words carefully. "Wherefore laying aside all MALICE and all GUILE, and HYPOCRISIES, and envies, and all EVIL SPEAKINGS, AS NEWBORN BABES, desire the SINCERE MILK OF THE WORD, that ye may GROW THEREBY." If we do this we will grow and carnal contentions will die and He will be glorified. This will only come "if so be ye have TASTED that the LORD IS GRACIOUS." That is what takes the carnal scrap out of us. Some day it will be so real that a little child shall lead the lion, because the fight is gone and the Lord is reigning. This is holiness. Thus we hear the call to separation and when adhered to we become "as lively stones are built up a spiritual house, an HOLY priesthood," and having had committed unto us the ministry of reconciliation, we therefore now, praying men in Christ stead to be reconciled to God, constitute a priestly office, offering up spiritual sacrifices to God by Jesus Christ which are acceptable, hence an HOLY priesthood. Therefore having laid aside malice, guile, hypocrisies, envies, and all evil speakings, have tasted and found that the Lord is gracious. THIS IS HOLINESS. Verse 9 says, "An holy nation." Matters not if this refers to Israel or not, for the same God that can make them holy is still on the job today. Holiness here is the believer's life in view of the vicarious sufferings of Christ.

HOLY CONVERSATION

1 Peter 1:14-16, "As obedient children, NOT FASHIONING YOURSELVES according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as HE which hath called you is HOLY, so BE YE HOLY in ALL MANNER OF CONVERSATION." WHY? "BECAUSE IT IS WRITTEN, BE YE HOLY FOR I AM HOLY." This does away with smutty, filthy stories. It gives you courage to SPEAK the TRUTH. This kind of HOLINESS takes us from astride the fence, respecting the applaud of sentiment, and will make us decidedly speak a conversation that is definitely understood. If we believe in sanctification, holiness, we will declare it, and that in the spirit of meekness and fear of God. You have heard people avoid giving an answer until they drew you out and then they believed as you did. That is, until they met the other fellow. That may be good politics but it's not HOLINESS. Jesus' conversation, life, and manner sent Him to Calvary. We who are wholly

His will follow that same road, but let us not forget that glad morning when the stone was rolled away. We, too, shall come forth and will meet our victorious Christ. AMEN.

There is power in speech. In the early days there were those who were spots in the feasts of charity, feeding themselves without fear. Yes, there are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their MOUTH SPEAKETH GREAT SWELLING WORDS, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage. It's a great advantage to have the admiration of man, especially personal advantage, and no doubt swelling words will produce that; but it is not akin to holiness. God and the Church need men of courage who will have a CONVERSATION that becometh HOLINESS.

HOLY TEMPLE

1 Cor. 3:17, "If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." Our temples are holy because they were bought with a great price. "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which we have of God, and ye are not your own?" These bodies are not be to abused with nicotine, liquor, and a filthy conversation. They are to be vessels though which God can bring the message of salvation to a lost world. If we are His HOLY TEMPLES, then we are to be used of Him, ready at all times for His service. This is HOLINESS! We must guard our social life. Our earthly house must be kept on the altar of sacrifice ready in His service at all times.

HOLY HANDS

1 Timothy 2:8-15, "I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up HOLY hands." The early Christians turned up their palms towards heaven as those craving help do. They laid aside every thing that would hinder their prayers, such as wrath and doubting, and asked of God with a HOLY HEART and HOLY HANDS! There are many kinds of hands. First, let us notice the LAZY HANDS. They stay idle most of the time. Members who could do a great deal for the church will not because of lazy hands. Preachers with lily-white hands, with dimples in them, that sleep about every morning until eleven o'clock, have lazy hands. They change churches as often as they can and leave light bills, coal bills, grocery bills for the new pastor to pay. Lazy

hands! hands that will not take the lead in building the church or parsonage. Lazy hands! Yes, when they move to another pastorate they always want a better one and leave the parsonage they move away from, dirty, unkept, and disgraceful for some other pastor's wife who takes pride in the church's parsonage, to clean up. Lazy hands! They leave a ring around the bathtub, the kitchen range coated with burned grease, soiled papers on the cupboard shelves; the dirt, that which has been swept up, in the corners of the rooms, light switches broken, the furniture the church gave the parsonage is filthy, the children have jumped up and down on the springs of the living room suite until the springs have come through the upholstering, light bulbs never have been washed, window shades are torn into strips, curtains not cleaned, all the spigots in the house leak, the rugs are filthy, the garage has two hundred fruit jars in it that should have been returned to the members, the doors are off the hinges, the eve-spouting hanging crooked. MY GOD, WHAT LAZY HANDS! Sure, sleep until noon, shout until we are hoarse, and wonder why good, clean people despise us! LAZY HANDS! Please do not hold them up to God for He'll push them down with a broken heart. Holy hands are the hands that whatever they can find to do they do with all their might.

STINGY HANDS

They half pay tithes. They give only about half of what the Lord leads them to give. Pastors that always want their people to give and never give themselves have stingy hands. Never a Christmas basket is made up for the poor; the home is not open to the evangelist any more. (Evangelists should appreciate a good home open to them, too; don't become a burden.) One time I was asked to make a trip to a certain place to preach and feed the soul of a starving saint. It was forty-eight below zero and I drove over 900 miles, but the starving soul had a hard time getting past his greenbacks and half dollars to find a buffalo nickel for me. On another occasion I was called from the threshing rig to pray for a sick woman. I had ninety miles to drive. I did not pray through so I had to make a second trip. I prayed through that time and the woman was instantly healed and came out of bed shouting.

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LOVE

R. C. MILLS

1 Peter 4:8, "And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves, for charity shall cover the multitude of sins."

Eph. 4:32, "Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as GOD for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

2 Tim. 2:22, "Flee also youthful lusts, but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart."

1 Tim. 1:5, "Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned."

Rom. 13:8, "Owe no man anything, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law."

Rom. 13:10, "Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of law."

1 Tim. 4:12, "Let no man despise thy youth, but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

Titus 2:7, 8, "In all things shewing thy self a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, sound speech, that can not be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you."

2 Peter 1:7, "And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly charity."

Rom. 14:15, "But if thy brother be grieved with thy meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat for whom Christ died."

Rom. 14:14, "I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean."

Acts 15:20, "But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood."

Rev. 2:19, "I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first."

1 Cor. 16:14, "Let all your things be done with charity."

1 Cor. 6:9, "Know ye not that the

unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind."

1 Cor. 8:1, "Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up but charity edifieth."

Gen. 35:2, "Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that were with him, Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments..."

Peace

MRS. LULA SILVERS

Phil. 4:7, "And the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

We hear much in the world today about the peace that shall follow this dreadful war, and men and women everywhere are longing for peace and the return to the normal way of living. Men's hearts are torn and in all the world there seems to be no peace and men's hearts are failing them for fear of the things that are coming upon the earth. Never in the world's history has there been such a war as this with all the new inventions and ways and means of war. It ranges from the airship in the breeze to the submarine of the seas. There is death and destruction on every hand, famine and pestilences which the Lord said would come before the end.

But there is a peace in the hearts of God's children that cannot be disturbed by any of these things. The first message of the birth of Jesus was spoken by the angels on the hills of old Judea. The shepherds watched their flocks by night and the angel appeared and said, "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy ... for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, ... and this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of angels praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, and good will toward men."

He came to bring peace. He is called the Prince of Peace, and there will never be any lasting peace until He

comes to reign on this earth.

Just before He was taken up into Heaven, after His crucifixion and the resurrection and His resurrection ministry to His disciples, He said, "Peace be unto you." The dear Lord offers peace and rest to the weary, to the sin-sick soul that is tossed to and fro by the angry billows of life, by the mighty turmoil and awful things going on in this world. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever, offering peace and pardon and rest to the weary. What more can ye ask?

Matthew 11:28-30, "Come unto me, all ye that are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; ... my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." The yokes this old world puts on human beings are many and hard to bear. I remember when I was a child of seeing a few ox teams and the big heavy wooden yoke they wore seemed to be burdensome to them. I always felt sorry for them. There is the yoke of the working class of people who must toil day after day; the yoke of the housewife and mother seems sometimes too hard to bear, but when we first put on the yoke with Jesus it is easy and the burden light. So few have learned to go into partnership with Jesus. As we go yoked together with Him He helps us bear our burdens and brings peace to the troubled soul. Just as He once said to the storm on the sea when He was on earth, "Peace be still," just so He can say, "Peace be still," to the troubled waters of today. Oh, if men and women would only let Him into the boat of life with them.

I Am Glad for the Blessing

DIXIANA, Ala.—I praise God for the way He heard and answered prayer. I thank everyone who prayed for my son who had just returned to the States. He was wounded overseas in his right leg; he is still in a hospital in Tuscaloosa, but is up walking now and I know it was God who brought him back to us and blessed him as he has. Praise God for the Holy Ghost! I feel that it is time people stopped fighting righteousness, repented and helped to pray the prayer of faith and welcome the coming of Jesus, for that is what will bring peace to this world. I am glad for the blessing and to be a member of the Church of God.—Mrs. Jesse Higginbotham, Sr.



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MY TRIP TO MEXICO AND THE BAHAMA ISLANDS

J. L. GOINS

On May 4 we left Cleveland, Tennessee, for Mexico City to attend the National Convention of the Churches of God in Mexico. On Sunday, May 6, we stopped in Dallas, Texas, for a service and had a glorious time. The service was grand. The Mission Board was given a great welcome by Rev. A. V. Beaube, Assistant General Overseer of the South Central District. The pastor was unable to attend this meeting because of illness. After the service we started on the journey to Mexico, spent that night in San Antonio, and at noon, May 7, we crossed the border at Laredo and found ourselves in Mexico.

Before we had traveled a hundred miles, we noticed a great change. Gone was the modern way of farming—the ox and the donkey did it instead. We saw farmers plowing with oxen, a pole tied across their horns. How cruel it seemed! As we journeyed south we soon found that they did not only burden the oxen and the donkeys, but also the women as well. The women and girls lined the road in the hot boiling sun, carrying great packs on their heads and backs. It would bring tears to see the cruel hardship they are under. The women carried equally as much as the burro (donkey). Sometimes it would be ten to twenty miles between market places, yet they would trot along with their heavy loads until they reached the market.

For miles and miles we traveled. The only homes we saw were built of bamboo covered with grass—no floor, no furniture, just a fire built on the ground on which to cook. On we went through the heat, which was 112 degrees in the shade.

On the third day we came to the great mountains ten to eleven thousand feet above sea level. The road was, apparently, as crooked as it could be made, but everyone was happy except those who were sick because of the crooked road. However, when we reached the plains it was very pleasant.



The above picture shows a part of the group gathered in the Church of God on Utila Island. This is a great opportunity for someone.

Who Will Go for Us?

Following is a report from the Littons on their work in the Bay Islands. The Mission Board has been searching for a suitable couple to go and take over this work but have failed to find anyone so far. We need a minister whose wife has a teacher's certificate and it would be necessary for her to teach Spanish one hour each day. This is a great opportunity.

"Greetings from the Island of Utila. We have good news to tell you about our work on this island. We organized a Church of God on the 30th day of April, with forty members. We have a nice building, painted nicely inside and outside, with forty nice new benches. The church will seat three hundred. We have a large crowd each night.

"The opening night there were over five hundred present. Eighteen have

been saved since we opened the church, and seventy-eight have been saved in our other churches in Roatan in the last two months. We have eight churches on our district and have established two churches in the past year. One in Belize, British Honduras, and the other, here. Six churches have come with us on the Island of Roatan.

"Brother Litton has just returned home from a two-week trip to Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras, as it was necessary for him to go there to secure a permit for our day school. We are anxiously waiting for our teachers to arrive from the U.S.A. to take care of this work here as we have several calls to other places. Truly the fields out here are white and the laborers are few.

"Please pray for us, that we can press on and fight the good fight.—Fred and Lucille Litton."

ant. We arrived in Mexico City Thursday afternoon and were given a big welcome at the home of Brother and Sister Hargrave.

The convention opened Thursday evening with a very large crowd. From the very first service my heart rejoiced and my eyes filled with tears as I looked upon those God-loving

people as they entered the temple, bowed on their knees, folded their hands, looked up in prayer as the tears streamed down their brown faces. Women and girls came to church barefooted, probably never had a pair of shoes on their feet. Old men, also, came barefooted. But, oh,

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REVIVALS

O'DONNELL, Tex.—Eleven were saved, five sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost in our three weeks' revival. The evangelist was a young man just released from the army, Wm. F. Sullivan, of Amarillo, Tex. We, the Church of God at New More, thank the Lord for sending him this way.—Pastor, Rev. M. W. McCoy; reporter, Pauline McCoy, Rt. 3.

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BROWNFIELD, Tex.—The Brownfield rural church closed a two weeks' revival April 29, Brother William Sullivan doing the preaching. Fifteen were saved, fourteen sanctified, fifteen filled with the Holy Ghost, twelve added to the church, and twelve baptized in water.—Mrs. Clay Bevers, Rt. 3.

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In our revival at Baptist Valley church I preached a week and a half, then Sister Della R. Patrick preached

twelve nights. God wonderfully saved twenty-nine souls, sanctified eight and filled six with the Holy Ghost; twelve were baptized in water and nine added to the church. Many miracles were performed. — John Murray, pastor, Bastian, Va.

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CHARLOTTE, N. C.—We had a landslide revival here in Charlotte. The crowds were large and the presence of the Holy Ghost wonderful. Forty were saved, twenty sanctified, twelve filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty added to the church, and people healed. The evangelist was Walter Skutar.—E. Powers, clerk.

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VIDALIA, Ga.—God is still blessing in Vadalia, Ga. We have just closed a good three weeks' revival with Brother W. M. Hubbard as evangelist. Eight were saved, eight sanctified, fourteen filled with the Holy Ghost, and five

added to the church. We were glad to have help in the singing and music. Pray for us.

USED CLOTHING FOR JAMAICA

We have had a wonderful response to the appeal for used clothing to be sent to Jamaica, but inasmuch as Rev. David L. Lemons, overseer of Jamaica, is now here for the Assembly I would advise that no more clothing be shipped to Tampa, Fla., until further notice. If you have any on hand which you are planning to ship, I shall appreciate a card or letter from you stating the approximate amount.

We certainly do appreciate the tremendous response in helping these precious people, many of whom lost all they had in the terrible storm several months ago.—*Foreign Missions Department.*

CAMDEN, S. C., SUNDAY SCHOOL



We, at the Camden, S. C., Church of God, have recently closed a revival that really stirred the community. Sister J. E. Reese and Sister J. C. Webber, of Columbia, S. C., did the preaching. Sister Reese is standing at the left with the accordion and Sister Webber at the right with the Bible. There was good old-time singing, holiness marching, and shouting in the camp. A number of souls were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost, and six were added to the church. Our Sunday School, pictured above, with Brother Ancel F. Shirley (extreme right) as superintendent, is doing fine. He is often bringing out something new and different to spur the interest of the people. Our Y.P.E. is also progressing under the capable leadership of Brother Leroy Frith. The Y.P.E. sponsored the recent revival. Our church as a whole is considered to be in better condition than it has been for years, with R. H. Gause (extreme left) as our faithful pastor. Pray for us at Camden.—Mrs. Ruby Robinson.

FROM A SOLDIER IN GERMANY

Dear Friends in Christ:

It has been some time since I have seen my loved ones at home but I know the day will come for us to meet again; if not here, in heaven, and the same God yet rules over me as does over you and all the brothers and sisters, and I have many things to praise Him for.

I'll try to tell just a little about my work as I try to do my best to bring the boys to Christ. I am not out to get a big name for myself or to lead them off, but to bring them to God. I get papers from the Church of God and have just read a fine letter by John D. Baggette. I have worked with him and we have been to church together, both serving God. I read the papers and pass them on. One or two boys in here now are reading the Bible. One of them said he wished he had some-

thing to read so I gave him the good Book. It is best for all of us. I keep reading and getting others to join me. Many a time I have been in the hospital to see the boys, some of my best friends lying there with pains and one leg or arm off, and it surely hurts me, but I can pass out tracts to them as they hold out their good arm or get up and talk to me. The One who loves us all most died for us, too. It is encouraging to walk into the wards and see the boys reach out with their good hand for a tract or Bible, and say, "Don't forget me," and see them with tears in their eyes as we sing those old church songs. It's grand! I want to do more for God.

I hope you can picture in your minds some of what we boys have seen in Germany, France, and England. At times it looked like we were to say "Good-bye," as many of our boys did. We need the prayers of all

of you at the church. Help us to meet and put on the whole armor of God. I am only a T-5 soldier. My home is in Bay Minette, Ala. I would appreciate letters from any Christians to help us in this time of need. Our address can be obtained from the Church of God Publishing House.—T-5 Novel G. Poston.

Successful Revival

McMINNVILLE, Tenn.—We have had two revivals which were a great blessing this year. Rev. John Meares and Rev. C. B. Donohue were the evangelists. Thirty-eight have been saved, twenty-five sanctified, twenty-four filled with the Holy Ghost, and twenty added to the church. Some improvements have been made on the church and parsonage, which amounted to about \$1,800. Rev. H. M. Hunt is a wonderful pastor.—A. J. Durham, clerk, Box 384.

SOPHIA, W. Va., SUNDAY SCHOOL



This is a picture of the Sophia, W. Va., Church of God Sunday School. This church is about six years old. It is one among the best churches in the State of West Virginia. It is a self-supporting church. God is surely blessing here this year. Brother Raymond Cox is the Sunday School superintendent; Rev. R. B. Underwood is the pastor. The two will be seen standing on the church house porch.—Mrs. R. B. Underwood.

Reports from the Field

VIRGINIA STATE CONVENTION

The annual state meeting of the Church of God convened at Pulaski, Va., June 14-17, with Rev. D. C. Boatwright, state overseer, and Rev. Paul H. Walker, Assistant General Overseer of Northeastern District, officiating. The initial service began with songs and prayers. The Spirit of God was invited into the convention to prevail through its entirety.

Rev. V. W. Thomas, the host pastor, delivered the welcome address. Everyone was made to feel welcome and through his efficient efforts and the cooperation of the good members and friends of the church, the delegates were given free beds and breakfast. Responses to this welcome were given by Rev. J. M. Snyder and Rev. G. E. Underwood. A timely discourse, "Why Have Conventions," was presented by Rev. P. F. Taylor. We were made to feel the necessity of attending these great assemblies. The message of the evening was delivered by Rev. Paul H. Walker. His theme was "Is Holiness a Bible Doctrine?" It was effectively revealed that the prerequisites for life eternal are a holy life, mind, and body. An altar service concluded the evening worship.

Friday morning pronounced the official opening of the convention with a scripture reading by Rev. D. C. Boatwright. An interesting message, "God in the Church," was given by C. C. McAfee, overseer of Maryland. Next came a most inspiring sermon, "Prevailing Prayer," by Rev. E. C. Clark, editor of the Evangel. Everyone felt the need of more effectual prayer in his life.

Friday afternoon Rev. J. A. Rafferty, of Cambridge, Md., gave an interesting talk on "Queer Folks." Following this discourse Rev. Paul H. Walker discussed the opening of the Northeast Bible School. Comments were concerning the program, faculty, and requirements for entrance. This work is a great responsibility but it affords a splendid opportunity for those who wish to become efficient workers for the Lord.

The Friday evening service was devoted to the Y.P.E. with Rev. E. Ray Kirk, state Y.P.E. and Sunday School

superintendent, in charge. Several young people participated in this interesting program with short speeches, poems, music, and singing. The conclusive message, "Where, What, and How Long Is Hell?" was expounded by Rev. Paul H. Walker. Never was there such a vivid picture more forcibly depicted than the scene Brother Walker described to us. One could almost scent the burning flames, visualize the agony, and perceive the sound of cries, screams, and gnashing of teeth of those who lived Christless lives and made their abode in hell. During an extended altar call many yielded their hearts to God.

After the devotional service Saturday morning Rev. H. D. Morris conducted a special program in behalf of our boys in the armed forces. Rev. Paul H. Walker also paid tribute in which he read an appropriate poem "Not Forgotten." An inspiring message, "Is There Healing for Us Today?" was delivered by Rev. E. C. Clark. It was discovered that God is yet able to heal and is healing His faithful followers today.

Saturday afternoon was devoted to the call and response of the various churches. Most of the reports revealed an increase in every department.

Saturday evening a beautiful Bible was presented to Mary Ratcliff as an award for the most subscriptions to the Evangel. Those receiving awards for the Lighted Pathway were Julia Begley, Rev. C. W. Collins, and Louise Maybeth. Those for the largest offering per member were Rev. C. H. Blankenship, T. M. Ward, and J. M. Snyder. Rev. E. C. Clark gave a detailed account of the orphanage work and an offering of approximately \$700 was received. A message, "The Elect Lady," was delivered by Rev. Paul Walker. One of his great declarations was that "Truth girdles the graces and virtues of the Bible into one unified compact." It was effectively revealed that the "elect lady" is the New Testament church which is known by her virtues and unapproachable life. This inspiring sermon made us realize the value of such a beautiful church.

Sunday morning was devoted to the

mission cause. Rev. Paul Walker brought us a message on "The Need of the Mission Spirit." Truly this was a great service. A soldier, home on furlough for the convention, gave his watch as a contribution because he felt the urgent need for missionaries. His watch was readily redeemed with an offering of \$104, making the total mission offering \$10,129.13, which doubled that of last year. Surely the Lord is making preparation for a great work in the mission field.

Special music and singing interspersed these good messages and the Lord blessed in a marvelous way.

Indeed the 1945 annual state convention of Virginia was a glorious one and those present were blessed by the wonderful, inspiring sermons and God's Spirit throughout the services. May the Lord continue to bless the work in Virginia and save many more souls before this Assembly year expires.—Mrs. John A. Sanders.

OKLAHOMA CAMP MEETING AND CONVENTION

The state camp meeting of the Church of God in Oklahoma convened at Ada, July 6-15. We were privileged to have as our guest speaker for the evening services our Assistant General Overseer, Brother A. V. Beaube. We could not express how much these inspiring messages meant to us. The Holy Ghost fell in our midst many times while Brother Beaube spoke to us. The convention was under the supervision of our state overseer, Brother L. L. Hughes. God certainly blessed us this year with a wonderful state overseer. Brother L. O. Cooper was the host pastor, and we certainly appreciate the hard work that he did. We all felt welcome. God also blessed in the special singing of Brother W. N. Burks, Brother J. L. Jones, Brother and Sister R. D. Cook, Brother B. M. Woolwine, Brother R. S. Sullivan and daughter, Brother and Sister O. N. Vanderburg, the Ada Trio, Ruth and Josephine Hughes, and others.

The convention opened Friday morning, July 18. Brother B. M. Woolwine preached on the "Benefits of a Convention" Friday afternoon, and Sister F. H. Dance spoke on "The Need of the Orphans." An offering of \$115 was taken. Friday evening the students of B.T.S. and College expressed their appreciation of Bible School and the blessing they received while they were there. Their testi-

monies were very touching. Brother Beaube brought the message, "One Minute After the Rapture."

Saturday morning we had special prayer for the boys in Service. Thirty-nine ministers answered the roll call. The state treasurer's report was read and accepted. Rev. R. S. Collins brought a message on "Divine Healing" and the sick were prayed for and God did bless.

Saturday afternoon the Hugo district reported. Brother L. C. Pennington gave an interesting talk on the Lighted Pathway and the Evangel. Rev. E. T. Curtisinger brought the afternoon message, "Being One Hundred Per Cent Church of God." This message made us realize that it takes a lot to be 100 per cent. At 6:00 P. M. Brother Beaube preached a wonderful message to the ministers, and in the evening service the young people gave a wonderful program under the supervision of Odell Vanderburg, the state Y.P.E. and Sunday School superintendent.

Brother Beaube brought the evening message, "The New Testament Church."

Sunday morning Brother Odell Vanderburg gave a report on the gain made in the Sunday School and Y.P.E. work. Rev. S. J. Wood brought a very good message. Following this a mission offering was taken of \$752.96. We can truly say that this was one of the best camp meetings we have had in Oklahoma. Praise the Lord.—Mrs. O. N. Vanderburg, clerk.

NORTHWEST CAMP MEETING

Another great Northwest camp meeting has come and gone. Many are saying this was the best yet.

The Dakotians were surprised when they came on the grounds of the camp, for there were new cabins to greet them. Although there is a shortage of building material, God was good to us and furnished us with materials for three nice, large cabins. Local pastors and laymen worked almost day and night to see these new cabins go up so that there would be no one without "where to lay his head." We were also privileged to rent a large three-story building, which has just been purchased for an interdenominational Bible School. This gave ample sleeping quarters for every one.

Camp meeting started June 28 with practically every seat filled. Good

crowds continued throughout the meeting. Every service was furnished with an outstanding speaker, such as: Rev. H. L. Chesser, Assistant General Overseer of the Northwest district; Rev. Wm. Pospisil, overseer of the Church of God in Western Canada; Rev. M. G. McLuhan, of Moose Jaw, Canada; Rev. Glyndon Logsdon, overseer of the Dakotas. And this year, for the first time, Rev. M. P. Cross, Executive Mission Secretary, was with us. He brought us several wonderful messages on our work in the various mission fields. A special program was presented by the young people on missions Sunday afternoon. The mission offering reached its peak this year with an offering of \$7,066.52.

The children anxiously awaited 1:15 p.m. each day, which was time for "children's church." Mrs. Oscar Backman, who was in charge, taught the children many interesting lessons during the ten days of camp meeting. Little children's voices could be heard here and there repeating their memory verses.

A wonderful spirit prevailed throughout every meeting. It began every morning in the "early morning prayer service," led by Mrs. Herman Blom, and continued throughout the day and on into the late hours of night, when you could find hungry seekers at the altar earnestly praying. Several were saved, refilled and filled with the Holy Ghost.

The young people rendered a great service to camp meeting. In fact, the Y.P.E. service was the greatest it has ever been. They always had a timely program ready every night at seven-thirty. They were fortunate in having young people from various parts of the United States taking part. Robert Humbertson, of Barton, Maryland, brought several wonderful messages. Doyle Stanfield, of LaFayette, Georgia, was among the speakers. There were also many students from the Northwest Bible and Music Academy. They took part in the special singing and speaking.

The general singing was so good; it seemed to be filled with angelic voices. There was a band on the platform every night, which added much to the music at camp meeting. All music was under the direction of Sister Bernice Brostrom and Brother Edward Yecha. Brother M. G. McLuhan, of Canada, thrilled the soul of every saint through his gift of singing. Others taking part in the special

singing were: Brother and Sister Carl Hughes, Brother and Sister E. E. Coleman, Brother and Sister Edward Yecha, Brother and Sister Oscar Backman, Brother and Sister Doyle Stanfield, Brother and Sister Ralph Brostrom, Brother and Sister Harold Phillips, and many others.

Oh, it seems that camp meeting should go on and on, but we know that such goodness cannot last forever until that "great day." Camp meeting ended with one of the most effective services during the entire camp—a memorial service. Rev. James Reesor, pastor of the Church of God in Lemmon, S. Dak., brought a soul-stirring message. The service was held in memory of Victor Jordeth, of Lebanon, S. Dak., who was killed in the present war; Rev. Alvin Thompson, Rev. Frank Chrismore, and Rev. C. W. Clark, all of whom were in the service of our Lord at the time of their death.

Then we had the usual handshakes and good-byes.—*Convention Reporter.*

Sandpoint, Ohio, District Convention

The Sandpoint district convention convened at the Sandpoint church July 6-8 with Rev. Bill Cook, local pastor, in charge. Sister Kathryn Cook was in charge of the song services throughout the convention. Brother Banks gave the opening address. Saturday morning Sister Cook spoke and Saturday evening Sister Parks, pastor of Wallace, Idaho, spoke. Our state overseer, Rev. Ray T. Hill, and Sister Hill were with us Sunday. Brother Hill bringing us the morning message, on Missions, after which an offering was taken for that cause. Dinner was served at the church for all present, after which Brother Cook brought a message. Following this a water baptismal service took place at Spring Creek, Brother Cook doing the baptizing. Seven were baptized at this service. This was a glorious service with the Holy Ghost being present with us. The evening service was again conducted by Rev. Cook, after which communion and feet washing services followed. We all enjoyed so much the special numbers rendered in song by Brother Banks, Sister Parks, Brother Vergel Pitts, and Brother and Sister Miller, of Emmett, Idaho. This convention was truly a

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THE CHURCH OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

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ing him over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh and in verse 7 they were told to "purge out the old leaven" that they might be a new lump.

Matt. 18:15-17, "Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican."

Acts 2:47, "... the Lord added unto the church ...".

Acts 5:1-13. There is the story of Ananias and his wife, Sapphira, who found out that God certainly recognized His leaders of the Church for as they lied to God in the presence of the disciples, they fell dead and verse 13 tells us that "of the rest durst no man join himself unto them." Did God stop saving souls? No. The truth is that the fear of the Lord fell upon the people to the extent that they were afraid to join their number. Would to God that the Church had some of that power now.

Acts 9:26 states that Saul, after his trip to Damascus and his experience with the Lord, offered to join himself to the disciples but they were afraid and believed not that he was a disciple. The writer makes no attempt to point out just when anyone joined the New Testament Church but gives the foregoing reference with the thought that the Church had power to refuse, or excommunicate anyone, especially those who were out of line with God and would not repent. He can find no contradiction or objection to the term joined, or added, or to taking a covenant.

CHURCH—IDENTIFIED

Name—

Acts 20:28, The Church of God.
1 Cor. 1:2, The Church of God.
1 Cor. 10:32, The Church of God.
1 Cor. 11:22, The Church of God.
1 Cor. 15:9, The Church of God.
2 Cor. 1:1, The Church of God.
Gal. 1:13, The Church of God.
1 Tim. 3:5, The Church of God.
1 Tim. 3:15, The Church of God.
Heb. 12:23, The Church of the First Born.

Rom. 16:16, The Churches of Christ.

1 Cor. 11:16, The Churches of God.

1 Tim. 2:14, The Church of God.

OFFICIALS

Apostle. An apostle is one who is sent; must have seen the Lord.

Prophets. Prophets preach, teach, or foretell. Teachers.

DENOMINATING FACTORS

Miracle. An effect in the physical world which surpasses all known or natural powers and is therefore ascribed to a supernatural agency. A miracle may be accurately described as transgression of a law of nature by a particular violation of the Deity.

Gifts of healing.

Helps.

Governments.

Tongues.

MISSION PAGE

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how they sang and praised God for saving them! The thing that impressed me most was the sacredness of their worship. There was no laughing or chaffy talking.

Rev. Carl J. Hughes, of Hamilton, Ohio, preached the second night of the convention. When he made the altar call they came by the hundreds to seek God. On Saturday night Rev. M. P. Cross preached and before he had finished his message the people began to rise from the audience and come to the altar. What hunger was in the hearts of those precious people! I am sure if more of our people in the United States could see the condition and need in that country, we would do more for missions. Space will not permit me to say more, but there is plenty to say about these people and the way they are suffering for the cause of Christ.

My trip to the Bahama Islands was also a joyful one. I was there for a fifteen-day Bible School term. It was well attended and there was glorious interest. We preached every night in different churches on the island. God really blessed in a wonderful way. How those dear people can sing and praise God! There is a great need on that island for a permanent school, and the precious saints there are praying for it. Let us open our hearts and our means to make it possible. I am longing for the time when I can be back there with those fine people. My heart is in the mission work. Let us pray for those neglected people.—

Your brother for a greater mission work.

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blessing to the church and every one that was able to attend. We thank the Lord for His blessings to us during this convention, and the sweet spirit that prevailed throughout the meeting.—Sister Kathryn Bershon, 520 Pine Street, Sandpoint, Idaho.

HOLINESS A BIBLE DOCTRINE

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Her husband said, "My, it's wonderful to have a doctor that does not cost a cent." The poor man was only worth about \$30,000. Today he is defeated and lost. He robbed God. Do not hold up stingy hands to the Lord, He loves a cheerful giver.

SCARRED HANDS

Hands that have toiled. The fingers may be bent and the knuckles swollen; the palms may be calloused; the hands may be scarred from wounds, but those hands resemble the hands of Jesus—Holy Hands! A little girl said to her mother whose face was scarred from injury, "Mother, you are the homeliest woman I ever saw. I am ashamed of you. Look at that ugly scar on the side of your face." The mother, with a sad heart, said, "Honey, when you were a little baby our house caught on fire and I rushed through the flames and rescued you from the blaze and my face was badly burned. Before that I was a beautiful woman." Tears filled the little girl's eyes and, sobbing, she said, "Mother, you are the most beautiful woman I have ever seen." The world knows not our toil but our Master does and we can LIFT HOLY HANDS TO HIM FOR WE HAVE TOILED ALL THE DAY LONG IN HIS VINEYARD.

Then there are the hands loaded with jewelry. A lady said to me once, as tears were about to burn her painted cheeks, "Brother Walker, please pray that the Lord will give us a tabernacle to worship in here in town." I consented at first until she told me her piano cost \$3,600, her rug in the music room, 9x12, cost \$400, her diamond ring cost \$1,200, and her dinner ring cost \$800. Then I decided she had a couple of tabernacles on her fingers and one or two in the music room. Some of our prayers need legs. To go and sell what she had and build tabernacles would be HOLINESS! It is not holiness to frequent bathing beaches with the opposite

sex. It is not holiness for women professing godliness to wear their dresses to their knees, and neither is it holiness to have them dragging the ground. I am in favor of carrying out the Church teaching and that is HOLINESS.

HOLY MEN

2 Peter 1:21, "... but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." The Holy Ghost moves holy men and this is a day when we need men that God can use. The secret of this is HOLINESS. I hear lots about evangelists. Some sign pledge sheets to do more evangelizing. Lord, help us to see that it takes consecration to accomplish this. God-called men that are holy men, that the Holy Ghost can preach through and convict sinners through, that can be used to cast out demons, that can be used to pray the prayer of faith, that can be used to go forward without fear or favor, letting the chips fall where they may; these are holy men and if God ever had them in Bible times He can have them in this age. They must be men who look not at the things that are seen but at things not seen.

HOLINESS ESSENTIAL TO HEAVEN

One can not make heaven without holiness. Hebrews 12:14, "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which NO MAN SHALL SEE THE LORD." This statement needs no explanation. Rev. 20:6, "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection." No plainer statement could be made. HOLINESS IS ESSENTIAL TO HEAVEN.

HOLINESS CAME BY SUFFERING

Heb. 13:12, "Where Jesus ALSO." Note the word "also," which means that Jesus did as was done to the bulls, goats, bullocks, and heifers which were sacrificed for the sins of the people. "Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate." WHAT SHALL WE DO? "Let us go forth therefore unto him." Yes, go out the gate UNTO HIM, "without the camp, bearing his reproach." We cannot pay such a price. What is the incentive? WHY? "FOR WE HAVE NO CONTINUING CITY, BUT WE SEEK ONE TO COME." That's why. Gain the world and lose your soul. Save your soul and gain an eternal city. This is HOLINESS. Yes, dear reader, it is either HOLINESS or HELL!

There is a holy God, a holy Spirit, a holy Christ, holy Scriptures, holy

ground, holy kiss, holy sacrifice, holy covenant, holy heaven, a holy way, and it will take holy people to make it through. Let us join in singing "There is a fountain filled with blood, Drawn from Emmanuel's veins; And sinners plunged beneath that flood Lose all their guilty stains." AMEN.

Why God Chose Speaking in Tongues as the Initial Evidence of the Holy Spirit

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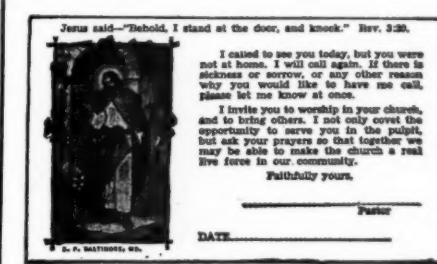
dence that higher power than man has taken control of you. Now, He can use you. Now, you are a perfect man, James 3:2; and able also to bridle the whole body if you let the Holy Spirit keep your tongue. Acts 2:4 tells us that they began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

Yes, the speaking in other tongues is a logical, reasonable, and most glorious evidence that the Spirit of the living God has come to His temple to dwell. Acts 10:44-46, "While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them that heard the word. And they were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues." In verse

44 the writer said Holy Ghost. In verse 45 he called the same experience the gift of the Holy Ghost, and in verse 46 the proof of the Holy Ghost, for they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Acts 11:15, 17, "As I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning. Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us what was I, that I could withstand God?" Peter says the Holy Ghost fell on the Gentiles as on the disciples at Pentecost. In verse 16 he referred to the experience as the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Read Acts 8:14-17; 9:17, 18; 19:6, "And when Paul laid his hands on them and they spake with tongues and prophesied." Verse 7, "All the men were about twelve."

I have given plenty of scriptures proving that we speak with tongues when we receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Sure, this is the real pattern. Can any one take the Word of God and prove that this is not the Holy Ghost or prove that the Word has been changed? Jesus, the same yesterday, today, and forever. Heaven and earth may pass away but the Word of God will stand. May God bless this little message to everyone who reads this tract.

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